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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED

1. Prior to early 1954, the barracks installation of Trutnov (O 51/G 74) quartered Czech motorized troops on the southwestern border. The soldiers wore khaki uniforms with red and black service color. Some wore tank insignia, while others wore cross-like emblems. Six or 7 armored vehicles on which the troops occasionally left for practice were observed in the barracks area. Local residents said that these vehicles were Soviet tanks. A girl friend of a soldier stationed at the installation said that about 600 infantrymen, artillerymen and tank troops were quartered there. 25X1
2. About 10 trucks occupied by soldiers were frequently observed proceeding from the installation to the station training ground, 2 or 3 kilometers west-northwest of the billets and north of the road to Pilnikov (O 51/G 74), where off-limits sign-boards were set up. Last in April or May 1953, a major exercise which involved units from other stations was held there. The soldiers spoke Slovak which was usually not heard in Trutnov. Armored vehicles and guns of various calibers which were towed by trucks were observed during this exercise. The ammunition depot was located in the northwestern corner of the training ground.
3. Since 1953 a four-story building at the intersection of the south side of former Ertefelder Strasse and the west side of former Obere Wiesen Strasse had been used as a military depot. Guards at this building whose purpose was not determined were provided by the troops stationed at the barracks installation.

Comment. The present information disagrees with previous reports according to which the barracks installation quartered an AAA regiment. Ten medium AA guns were observed there in the spring of 1954.

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